

At ten pm Detective C.T. Burnley, D.K. Rodgers and SUBJECT met two men in the hallway of the third floor of City Hall. One of the men identified himself as WILLIAM A. GUROVICH and the other stated that he was JAMES ALCOCK. This group adjourned to the Chief's Conference room, where GUROVICH placed an attache case on the table near SUBJECT. This was a tape recorder. The New Orleans men desired to conduct the conference with SUBJECT alone. SUBJECT refused and then they suggested that they would talk to him in the presence of his attorney. SUBJECT stated that this was fine, that we would try to contact BILL ALEXANDER and then they could have their conference. ALCOCK then evidently identified the name of ALEXANDER, because he asked if this were a law partner of HENRY WADE, the District Attorney. Since SUBJECT would not talk to these men, this conference ended.

SUBJECT was returned to his home by the officers and a security surveillance was conducted until midnight.

On Sunday, February 28, 1967, SUBJECT called Detective Rodgers at home at 4 pm stating that he had just completed a conversation with a reporter for NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE by the name of HUGH AYNESWORTH. SUBJECT stated that he refused to make any comments to Mr. AYNESWORTH, who explained that his magazine and COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM had information on the inside of JIM GARRISON'S office in New Orleans and that the news media was building a story to blast GARRISON for the handling of this so called conspiracy and other mal practices that have occurred in GARRISON'S office.

HUGH AYNESWORTH then asked SUBJECT if he would comment on three names that are considered as principals in GARRISON'S conspiracy investigation. SUBJECT agreed that he would. AYNESWORTH then mentioned the name of a colored man by the name of CONZALES, who is in exile in Tiajuana, Mexico. This man is not known as to whether he is a Cuban Negroid or an American Negroid. SUBJECT stated that he was not familiar with any negroids by this name. FERNANDO BARGENA, with the nickname of "EL CHINITO" is a Cuban and his whereabouts is unknown. SUBJECT stated that this name was not familiar to him and to the best of his knowledge, he had never met this person. GEORGE PIAZZA, who is unknown as to whether he is Cuban or Italian, was the third principal mentioned. SUBJECT stated that he did not know this person either. AYNESWORTH explained that these were the principals involved in this case that GARRISON believes conspired with LEE HARVEY OSWALD to kill PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AYNESWORTH stated that in the event SUBJECT changed his mind to call him at D18 4975.

# New Orleans DA Rejects FBI Aid in JFK Plot Probe

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A district attorney is keeping secret the details of an investigation he says he is making of the Kennedy assassination, considering federal intervention might only slow him down.

Joe Garrison, betting his in-

vestigators can prove a conspiracy in New Orleans led to the death of President John F. Kennedy, spurned a suggestion he give his facts to the U.S. attorney general who could pass it on to President Johnson.

"I am running this investigation, not the President, not the attorney general," said Garrison.

"I'M IN CHARGE of the operation and we've made a lot of progress working this way. So I don't propose to make any changes that might result in a slowdown and make us less effective."

Asked what the Federal Bureau of Investigation is doing about Garrison's probe, an FBI spokesman said, "The only thing I can say regarding any questions about that is, 'no comment.'"

After New Orleans newspapers broke the story of his investigation on Friday, Garrison said "irresponsible release of so many details" would delay the arrests he said would be forthcoming.

THE RELEASE of details and names, he said, "has now created a problem for us in finding witnesses and getting cooperation from other witnesses and in at least one case has endangered the life of a witness — a possible witness — so that whatever timetable we might have had before is somewhat extended now."

Garrison's statement that an assassination plot was conceived in New Orleans, that he will find and arrest the conspirators and that he will obtain convictions caused widespread furor.

Just what does he know at this point?

"WELL, I CAN'T sum it up in terms of individuals or what might turn out to be evidence. I can say that we have been in-

vestigating the role of the city of New Orleans in the assassination of President Kennedy, and we have made some progress — I think substantial progress. At least we were making progress until the newspapers revealed a number of details.

"We were keeping it confidential and were hoping to keep it confidential until the time came to make some arrests."

The district attorney refused to go into the question of whether only Lee Harvey Oswald was involved in the assassination of Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

"I'd rather not comment on that," Garrison said.

## Attorney Doubts Oswald-Ruby Meeting Report

Dallas lawyer Phil Burleson, one of Jack Ruby's attorneys at his trial for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, said Monday he doubts the report of a New Orleans meeting between Oswald and Ruby before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"I don't think there's anything to it," said Burleson.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, Ruby's prosecutor, was not available for comment Monday. His chief prosecutor, Bill Alexander, indicated the district attorney's office placed little faith in allegations made by New Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Garrison said over the weekend that a plot to kill Kennedy was hatched in New Orleans and that Oswald and Ruby were in that city at the same time.

Garrison said his office is continuing its investigation of the plot, which supposedly involved a planned escape by airplane to Cuba by Oswald after the assassination in Dallas.

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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE(1)  
SERGIO ARCACHO  
CUBAN REFUGEE

Sir:

The following report regarding SUBJECT is submitted for your information.

SUBJECT received a telephone call Friday night that was answered by his wife. The caller identified himself as JIM ALCOCK, an investigator for the District Attorney of New Orleans, JIM GARRISON. ALCOCK desired to speak to SUBJECT, but since he was not at home, he asked to know if SUBJECT would come to New Orleans if he was sent the plane fare so that he may be questioned regarding his knowledge of the so called conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. SUBJECT'S wife stated to ALCOCK that he would not go to New Orleans. ALCOCK then stated that he would then come to Dallas and question him.

Saturday morning, February 25, 1967, SUBJECT received a call from ALCOCK stating that he would call him at ten a.m. and make arrangements to have an interview with him here in Dallas. Lt. E.L. Cunningham and Detective D.K. Rodgers went to the home of SUBJECT in anticipation to the call. The call never came and these officers left the home at 11:45am.

SUBJECT received a telephone call at 5 pm this date of Saturday and the caller identified himself as ALCOCK and that he was in the LOCHWOOD area. ALCOCK stated that as soon as he got settled in a motel that he would call him back for an appointment. At this time SUBJECT was away from his home and did not get to talk to ALCOCK. ALCOCK called back at 7 pm and told SUBJECT'S wife that he would call in about thirty minutes to make arrangements with SUBJECT for an interview. ALCOCK stated that he was calling from NORTH PARK INN. SUBJECT contacted Detective Lowery, who called Detective Rodgers at home. Rodgers went directly to the home of SUBJECT and was met there by Detective C.T. Burnley.

At 9:15 pm SUBJECT'S phone rang and he requested that Detective Rodgers answer this call to determine who and what the caller wanted. The caller identified himself as JIM ALCOCK of the District Attorney's office of New Orleans who insisted that he talk to SUBJECT. SUBJECT did not desire to talk with ALCOCK and was so told by Rodgers. ALCOCK was asked if he had a warrant for the arrest of SUBJECT and that if he did that we would be happy to execute the warrant. ALCOCK stated that he did not have a warrant and that if SUBJECT would not talk to him he would forget it and go back to New Orleans. An arrangement was made at that time to meet ALCOCK at the City Hall with SUBJECT.

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The indices of the Criminal Intelligence Section was searched on the names of the so called principals with negative results. The phone number of DIB 4975 is listed to HUGH AYNESWORTH, 9626 Lanshire, Dallas, Texas.

SUBJECT is desirous of conferring with BILL ALEXANDER and arrangements have been made for this conference this date.

Respectfully submitted,

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D.K. RODGERS, Detective,  
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